

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	09/641,820	WEINSTOCK ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Michael J Fisher	3629

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--  
 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 10/29/03.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-23, 35-42 and 47-50.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_

5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
  - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the Examiner.
  - (c) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. 17.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the margin according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No. 10,11,12
- 4☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

- 5☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9☐ Other

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**DETAILED ACTION**  
**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Richard Hafercamp (reg. #29,072) on 12/9/04 and 3/08/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

Please enter claims 1-23,35-42 and 47-53 as contained herein.

In claim 35, line 8, the phrase [authorized purchaser] has been removed and the phrase --multi-level business organization-- has been inserted.

Claims 51-53 have been cancelled.

***Drawings***

New corrected drawings are required in this application because the drawings filed 2/14/01 are informal. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-23,35-42 and 47-50 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: As to claims 1,41 and 47 the prior art does not teach a third-party, authorized purchaser of rental vehicles who manages the automobile reservations by communicating with a rental vehicle service, wherein the rental vehicle service has a program to automatically

respond to a series of commands from the third party and generating action item lists identifying reservations and showing a need for further action by the third-party. As to claim 35, the prior art does not teach a third-party, multi-level business organization with access to reservation data and receiving action-item lists for use by the third-party needed for completion of the delivery of services as well as administrative control and accounting for the services offered and physically available at a plurality of diverse locations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Japanese Patent #2002-74126 to Sakura, Sakura discloses using a computer network (figs 1 and 2) for making reservations for automobiles but does not disclose a third party authorized to manage the automobile reservations and further, who can make changes to the reservation, (Note, information is taken from the Derwent English language abstract enclosed), "Travel Web site Expedia's shares take off during initial offering" by Reeves, Reeves discloses using the Internet as a method of renting cars (paragraph 3), Reeves does not manage the automobile reservations and further, does not disclose a third party agent who can make changes to the reservation

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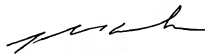
as Expedia does not have a third party agent but merely a computer program. Further, Expedia does not make changes to the reservation but cancels one and replaces it with another, US PAT 6,233,609 to Goheen and US PAT 6,094,640 to Mittal do not disclose a third party authorized to manage the automobile reservations and further, who can make changes to the reservation.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J Fisher whose telephone number is 703-306-5993. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-5:00pm alt Fri. off.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-306-7687.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-2168.

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